

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for assisting caregivers in caring for an individual comprising the acts of:

- 5 providing a server computer comprising a central processing unit,
executing a computer software program on a server computer, the server computer in communication with a computer network;
10 inputting data into the server computer by way of the computer network;
processing the input data by the central processing unit the act of which comprises sending the input data to a database, the input data comprising the
15 individual's vital information data;
requesting over the computer network vital information data; and
generating an output from the server computer in response to the request for vital information data and
20 outputting the output to the computer network.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the act of providing a life ledger for comprising at least one web page and comprising a database, the at least one
25 web page for allowing the caregiver interact with the database.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the life ledger further comprises a plurality of web pages for the entry
30 of the following vital information data: emergency information data, general information data, support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data, financial data, budget planner data, legal data,

funeral planning data, document data, and physician data.

4. The method of claim 1 comprising the acts of
5 embodying the server computer as a web application
server computer and providing the web application server
with login security encryption and further providing the
web application server computer with a merchant account
for billing the caregiver for each life ledger purchase
10 by the caregiver.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the
step of providing the server computer with computer
executable instructions for causing at least one web
15 page to be generated and displayed on a display device,
the at least one web page for displaying vital
information data.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the
20 communication network in communication with the server
computer is the internet.

7. The method of claim 1 further comprising the
acts of:
25 providing a plurality of computer executable
instruction; and
causing the server computer to execute the
plurality of computer executable instructions and
generate a life buoy feature, the life buoy feature for
30 providing relevant information in caring for the
individual.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the life buoy feature is electronically linked to an electronic help finder and the life buoy feature is electronically linked to a plurality of articles stored in an article database.

9. A method for assisting caregivers in caring for an individual comprising the acts of:

providing a client computer comprising a graphical user interface, the client computer in communication with a computer network;

inputting vital information data, the vital information data pertaining to the individual, into the client computer by way of the graphical user interface, and transmitting the vital information data over the computer network;

requesting the vital information data from the computer network;

receiving the vital information data from the computer network;

accessing the received vital information data by way of the client computer in communication with the computer network; and

viewing the vital information data on the client computer graphical user interface.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the act of inputting vital information data comprises the act of inputting the following data: general information data, emergency data, medical data, health status data, financial information data, budget information data, funeral planning data, and legal data, document data, and physician data.

11. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of providing an editing feature so that the vital information data can be edited from the client computer graphical user interface over the computer network
5 regardless of where the client computer is located.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein accessing the computer network requires an authorized password and payment of a fee to a merchant account in communication
10 with the client computer over the computer network.

13. A method for assisting caregivers in caring for an individual comprising the acts of:
providing a server computer having a central
15 processing unit in communication with a computer network;
providing a client computer in communication with the computer network so that the server computer and the client computer are in communication with one another by
20 way of the computer network;
inputting vital information data pertaining to the individual into the client computer;
transmitting the input vital information data pertaining to the individual to the server computer's
25 central processing unit, the central processing unit for causing the input vital information data to be processed, stored, and organized into a life ledger, the life ledger comprising at least one database;
requesting vital information data from the at least
30 one database by the caregiver;
supplying the requested vital information data by the server computer; and

generating an output in response to the caregiver request and outputting the output the caregiver.

14. The method according to claim 13 further comprising the acts of:

providing the life ledger with a database for storing and organizing the vital information data the database comprising a plurality of data tables.

15. The method according to claim 14 comprising the acts of:

providing the life ledger with a plurality of web pages, a separate web page for the entry of vital information data pertaining to each of the following: general information data, an emergency information data, a support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data, financial data, budgeting data, legal data, funeral planning data, document data, and physician data.

16. The method according to claim 15 comprising the acts of:

providing the life ledger with the plurality of web pages and providing the client computer with a graphical user interface for displaying and interacting with the plurality of web pages, the plurality of web pages comprise the following: a general information web page, an emergency web page, a support people data, a medical web page, a health status web page, an insurance web page, a financial web page, a budgeting web page, a legal web page, a funeral planning web page, a document web page, and a physician web page.

17. The method according to claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

providing a computer software program comprising computer readable instructions;

5 executing the computer software program on the server computer's central processing unit;

causing the server computer to generate a plurality of web pages when executing the computer readable instructions;

10 providing a client computer with a graphical user interface for viewing and interacting with the plurality of web pages;

providing a database for storing and organizing the vital information data;

15 entering the vital information data into data input boxes in each of the web pages caused to be generated by the computer software program being executed on the server computer; and

20 storing the vital information data in the database.

18. The method according to claim 17 further comprising the acts of:

providing an electronic life buoy, the electronic life buoy caused to be generated when the computer

25 software program is executed on the server computer;

accessing the electronic life buoy; and

providing the electronic life buoy with an electronic link to articles.

30 19. The method of claim 18 further comprising the acts of:

providing the electronic life buoy with an electronic link to an electronic help finder;

providing the electronic help finder with data input boxes defining the parameters of a database search;

5 providing a data input box for the entry of a zip code and providing a data input box for a topic to be searched;

entering search parameters in the data input boxes, the search parameters comprising the zip code and topics to be searched; and

10 generating a search result by having the central processing unit search the database and locating all care providers in the database that match the parameters, and displaying the search result on an output device.

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20. A system for assisting a caregiver in providing care for an individual comprising:

a server computer comprising a central processing unit in communication with a computer network;

20 a client computer in communication with the computer network so that the server computer and the client computer are in communication with one another by way of the computer network;

25 computer executable instructions for being executed on the central processing unit,

a life ledger comprising a database, the database in communication with the server computer and for storing vital information data therein, the life ledger comprising a plurality of web pages for displaying the
30 vital information data stored in the database.

the client computer comprising a graphical user interface display for displaying the plurality of web pages of the life ledger.

21. The system according to claim 20 wherein the life ledger further comprises an edit feature so that the vital information in the life ledger may be edited from the client computer over the computer network.

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22. The system according to claim 21 wherein the life ledger further comprises web pages for the input of vital information data pertaining to each of the following types of data: general information data, emergency information data, support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data, financial data, budgeting data, legal data, funeral planning data, document data, and physician data.

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23. The system of claim 22 wherein the server computer comprises executes computer readable instructions and generates the life ledger, and further comprises a merchant account to keep track of and bill the caregiver for each for each life ledger purchased by the caregiver, and the server computer further provides for encryption for the web site.

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24. The system according to claim 23 further comprising an electronic life buoy, the electronic life buoy comprises electronic links to articles of interest to the caregiver.

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25. The system according to claim 22 wherein a web page for each of the following is caused to be generated by the computer executable program being executed on the server computer: a general web page, an emergency web page, a support people web page, a medical web page, a health status web page, an insurance web page, a

financial web page, a budgeting web page, a legal web page, a funeral planning web page, a document web page, and a physician web page.

- 5 26. The system according to claim 25 wherein the each of the web pages has a graphical user interface for the editing of vital information data input into the web page.

- 10 27. A computer program product for use with a computer, the computer program product comprising:
 a computer usable medium comprising computer readable program codes embodied in the computer usable medium, the computer readable program codes for causing
15 the computer to:
 define fields for the input of vital information data pertaining to an individual under a caregiver's care;
 generate a plurality of graphical user interface
20 screen displays when the computer program product is executed on the computer; and
 create data structures for storing and organizing the vital information data inputted when the computer program product is executed on the computer,
25 create a merchant account,
 create a life buoy,
 create encryption for security.

28. The computer program product of claim 27
30 wherein the computer program product is embodied a medium selected from the group consisting of: a CD-ROM, a magnetic tape, an optical disk and a carrier wave transmission.

29. The computer program product of claim 28 wherein the input fields are defined for a life ledger 24 that further defines input fields for the following: general data, emergency data, support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data, financial data, budgeting data, legal data, funeral planning data, important document data, and physician data.

30. The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer program product is for causing the input data to be entered by way of a graphical user interface.

31. The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the computer is a web application server computer that is in communication with a computer network and in communication with a client computer.

32. An article of manufacture comprising:
a computer usable medium comprising computer readable program codes embodied in the computer usable medium, the computer readable program codes for causing the computer to:

define fields for the input of vital information data pertaining an individual under a caregiver's care when the computer readable codes are executed on the computer;

generate a plurality of graphical user interface screen displays when the computer program product is executed on the computer; and

create a database comprising data structures for storing and organizing the vital information inputted

when the computer program product is executed on the computer.

33. A method for a caregiver to provide care to an individual comprising the acts of:

5 providing a web site that comprises a server computer and a life ledger, the life ledger comprises a database for storing the individual's vital information data,

10 receiving from a caregiver's computer a request for vital information data selected from the individual's life ledger,

15 transmitting from the server computer to the caregiver's computer by way of a carrier wave signal data comprising the vital information requested from the individual's life ledger, and

receiving and displaying the vital information data on the caregiver's computer screen.

34. The method according to claim 33 further comprising the act of providing the web site with a plurality of web pages for the life ledger, each web page for inputting and displaying vital information data pertaining to the individual.

25 35. The method according to claim 34 wherein the plurality of web pages comprise web pages for inputting, editing, and displaying the following data about the individual: general data, emergency data, support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data,
30 financial data, budgeting data, legal data, funeral planning data, important document data, and physician data.

36. The method according to claim 35 further comprising providing the web site with a life buoy feature for providing help to the caregiver in response to a request to the caregiver for help, the life buoy
5 having the appearance of a life buoy on the caregiver's computer screen.

37. The method according to claim 33 further comprising the step of the caregiver requesting the
10 purchase of an electronic life ledger by transmitting to the server computer the request by carrier waves, and the server computer comprising a merchant account and in response to the request to purchase a life ledger automatically bills the caregiver for the purchase of
15 the life ledger.

38. A method for a caregiver to care for an individual comprising the steps of:
providing a client computer;
20 providing a web application server computer in communication with the client computer over a computer network;
providing a new computer generated life ledger comprising no vital information data inputs to the
25 caregiver;
selling the new computer generated life ledger for a fee to the caregiver over the computer network;
providing the web application server with a merchant account; and
30 using the merchant account for billing the caregiver for the life ledger 24.

39. The method of claim 38 further comprising the steps of selling the caregiver additional new computer life ledgers and using the web application server's merchant account for sending billing statements to the caregiver over the computer network for each of the additional life ledgers sold to the caregiver.

40. The method according to claim 39 further comprising the steps of:

providing the new computer generated life ledger with a database for storing vital information data wherein the vital information data that can be stored therein comprises:

general data, emergency data, support people data, medical data, health status data, insurance data, financial data, budgeting data, legal data, funeral planning data, important document data, and physician data.